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In re Patent Application of:)	
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Application No. 10/577,058)	Group Art Unit: 2883
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Title: LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY DEVICE AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF)	

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the accompanying information is being submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed. However, copies of listed U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications are not enclosed since it is no longer required according to the July 11, 2003 waiver of the requirement for copies of cited U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications in national patent applications filed after June 30, 2003 and international applications entering the national stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 after June 30, 2003.

Applicant wishes to note that U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0007108 was cited by the Chinese Patent Office in an Office Action of a counterpart Chinese Patent Application, No. 200480033485.9, on September 26, 2008.

Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), Applicant respectfully certifies that each item of information contained in the present information disclosure statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the present information disclosure statement.

It is requested that the accompanying PTO-1449 be considered and made of record in the above-identified application. To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initial a copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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